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Total Force effort brings improvements to Edwards

By Kenji Thuloweit

412th Test Wing Public Affairs

More than 80 Airmen from across the nation joined the 412th Civil Engineer Squadron to complete three large construction projects at Edwards.

The projects allowed the Airmen, mostly from Air Force Reserve Command and Air National Guard, to get hands-on training during their annual two-week-long drill while the 412th CES provided expertise and equipment.

The results are newly paved parking lots for Club Muroc, an underground drainage system by base housing, new gas-kets installed in hangars and renovations to Bldg. 4906.

Senior Master Sgt. Rebeca Forgey, 446th Civil Engineer Squadron, Washington, was the project manager. She met Murray Westley, 412th CEG director, while she was attending an Airman Leadership School graduation here for one of her troops. After a short talk, her squadron got ready to take on the mission.

“Our squadron came for a site visit to make sure we knew what’s going on, meet the people, make sure we hit the ground with good morale,” said Forgey. “There were other teams within AFRC that were picked to come out here and work different times of the year to do these jobs, but it was



Civil engineer Airmen lay asphalt in front of Club Muroc as part of a complete repaving project. (U.S. Air Force photo by Kenji Thuloweit)

kind of spread out and we found out [412th Civil Engineer Squadron] really wanted Club Muroc’s parking lot done and the only way to do that was to combine all the teams together, so we put out an AFRC-wide call.”

Forgey called AFRC headquarters and said the Edwards project was a much larger scope than her squadron could provide and asked for volunteers, who stepped up right away.

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Blake becomes new commandant at test pilot school

By Kenji Thuloweit

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Col. Ryan Blake took the helm as the new commandant of the U.S. Air Force Test Pilot School during a change of command ceremony held in Hangar 1207 July 10.

As commandant of TPS, Blake will drive the school’s strategic vision, set organizational objectives and direct a \$32.5 million budget overseeing the day-to-day operations of the world’s premier test pilot school.

Blake graduated from TPS in December 2008 and is both a seasoned combat pilot and test pilot. He previously served as the 96th Operations Group commander at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, and before that was a test pilot and flight test squadron commander. He is a command pilot with more than 2,400 military flight hours in 44 aircraft types as an experimental test pilot, instructor pilot and evaluator pilot.

“When you look at the wall (of former commandants) in the schoolhouse, you see household names like Chuck Yeager and Buzz Aldrin...to be selected as the new commandant is very humbling,” Blake said.

Col. Matthew Higer, who served as commandant for the past year, is moving on to become a wing commander at another base.

Since 1951, the school at Edwards AFB is where the Air Force’s top pilots, navigators and engineers learn how to conduct flight test and generate the data needed to carry out test



Brig. Gen. Carl Schaefer, 412th Test Wing commander (left), and new U.S. Air Force Test Pilot School commandant, Col. Ryan Blake, pose with the school’s guidon during a change of command ceremony in Hangar 1207 July 10. (U.S. Air Force photo by Kenji Thuloweit)

missions. Human lives and millions of dollars depend upon how carefully a test mission is planned and flown. The comprehensive, one-year curriculum of TPS is fundamental to the success of flight test and evaluation, according to the school. Upon graduating from TPS, graduates receive a Master of Science Degree in Flight Test Engineering.

“You are the enabler of combat capability for our nation and our allies,” said Brig. Gen. Carl Schaefer, 412th Test Wing commander, who presided over the ceremony. “You prepare our finest officers and civilians to conduct and support elevated-risk flight test every day to ensure Air Force, joint, coalition, mission success across the globe. You are the producer of astronauts and leaders in our Air Force, Navy and numerous countries.”

DOD: Transfer of Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits changes

From DOD News

The Defense Department issued a substantive change July 12 to its policy on the transfer by service members in the uniformed services of Post-9/11 GI Bill educational benefits to eligible family member recipients.

Effective one year from the date of this change, eligibility to transfer those benefits will be limited to service members with less than 16 years of total active-duty or selected reserve service, as applicable.

Previously, there were no restrictions on when a service member could transfer educational benefits to their family members. The provision that requires a service member to have at least six years of service to apply to transfer benefits remains unchanged in the policy.

"After a thorough review of the policy, we saw a need to focus on retention in a time of increased growth of the armed forces," said Stephanie Miller, director of accessions policy in the Office of the



(Dept. of Veterans Affairs graphic)

Secretary of Defense. "This change continues to allow career service members that earned this benefit to share it with their family members while they continue to serve." This change is an important step to preserve the distinction of transferability as a retention incentive, she added.

If service members fail to fulfill their

service obligation because of a "force shaping" event -- such as officers involuntarily separated as a result of being twice passed over for promotion or enlisted personnel involuntarily separated as a result of failure to meet minimum retention standards, such as high year of tenure -- the change will allow them to retain their eligibility to transfer education benefits even if they haven't served the entirety of their obligated service commitment through no fault of their own.

All approvals for transferability of Post-9/11 GI bill continue to require a four-year commitment in the armed forces and, more importantly, the member must be eligible to be retained for four years from the date of election, officials said.

The policy affects service members in the uniformed services, which includes the U.S. Coast Guard as well as the commissioned members of the U.S. Public Health Service and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Air Force selects 8,416 E-5s for technical sergeant

By Kat Bailey

Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

Air Force officials have selected 8,416 staff sergeants for promotion to technical sergeant out of 27,555 eligible for a selection rate of 30.54 percent.

The technical sergeant promotion list will be available on the Air Force's Personnel Center website [Enlisted Promotions page](#), the Air Force Portal and myPers July 19 at 8 a.m. CDT. Airmen will also be able to access their score notices on the virtual Military Personnel Flight via the Air Force's Personnel Center secure applications page.

Those selected for technical sergeant will be promoted beginning Aug. 1, according to their promotion sequence number.

Commanders will receive notice of their selects from their senior rater's agent starting July 12, with the intent to notify their selects no earlier than one day before the public release.

For more information about Air Force personnel programs, visit the [AFPC public website](#).

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FREE Performance
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Auditions
Monday, August 6 at 10am
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412th Force Support Squadron upcoming events

Force Support Squadron 275-3826

Air Force Services Activity presents Plastic Musik Wednesday, July 25, at the base theater. Performance starts at 6 p.m. Free event for the entire family. Concessions available for purchase. Las Vegas headliners Plastic Musik will be performing live for Edwards AFB.

Club Muroc 275-CLUB

Tacos and Tequila is Thursday, July 26 at 5 p.m. Four unique tequilas presented by Patron with a guided tasting. Tequila will be individually paired with gourmet tacos to complement their flavor. Make reservations by July 20.

Club Muroc Summer Parties — Are you looking to host a squadron event or party this summer? Look no further than Club Muroc! For a low price per person, enjoy our "Patio Burger Burn" option, which includes burgers, hot dogs, macaroni salad, potato chips lettuce, tomato, and onions, condiments and water. All you have to provide are cooks, plates, napkins and utensils. Enjoy the secluded patio with access to the pool. Add our 20 foot water slide for an additional fee.

Kids Eat Free on Saturdays! Purchase one adult meal and receive one free kids meal valid for children under 12. Dine-in only.

Monday Pizza Night — Every Monday night from 5-8 p.m. Enjoy a 16" pizza made with fresh dough for dine-in, carryout or delivery. Make sure to try our delicious chicken buffalo pizza! For more options and to place your order, call 275-CLUB.

Wednesday Breakfast Special — Every Wednesday, 6:30 a.m.-10 a.m. Start your day off with scrambled eggs, bacon, toast and juice. Breakfast is served every weekday from 6:30 - 10 a.m. and all day Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Delivery Service — Did you know that we deliver to base housing? Call us Monday-Friday from 5-8 p.m. to place your order.

High Desert Lanes Bowling Center 275-BOWL

Kids Bowl Free — Registered kids get two free games a day this summer. Include four guests with a family pass for a discounted price. This promotion is available until August 3. The Kids Bowl Free membership is free for each child 15 years and under. Must sign-up via www.kids-bowlfree.com and fill in all fields to obtain KBF® Coupons. "Family Pass" allows up to four additional family members over the age of 15 to receive coupons for two free games of bowling per day and may only be used while bowling with the KBF® member. Shoe rental not included.

Green Pin Special is every Monday, 10:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Get a strike when you have a green head pin and get that game free. Shoe rental not included. Cannot be combined with any other offers/specials.

Family Package Fridays is from 2-6 p.m. Price includes two hours of unlimited bowling, shoe

rental, large one-topping pizza and a pitcher of soda.

Glow in the Dark Bowling is Friday and Saturday, 6 p.m.-midnight. Shoe rental included with price. Bowl as many games as you want. Don't miss out on all the fun at an affordable price and a fun atmosphere for the whole family.

Oasis Community Center 275-CNTR

LA Rams Training Camp Trip is Monday, July 30. Join us for fun filled trip to see the LA Rams at training camp. Low cost. Shuttle departs from the Oasis Community Center at 11:30 a.m. and will return when practice ends. Limited space available. Sign up at the Oasis Community Center today.

Missoula Children's Theater: Gulliver's Travels is open to ages 5 years (entering 1st grade) to 18 years (entering 12th grade). Auditions: Monday, Aug. 6 at 10 a.m., at the Youth Programs Gym. Rehearsals are Monday-Friday at Stripes Lounge from 9-11 a.m. and from 12-2 p.m. (dependent on role/part in play). Final performance is Friday, August 10, at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. at Stripes Lounge.

Rosburg Fitness Center 275-GYM1

10K Run is Friday, July 20 at 6 a.m. The run is free and open to all ages. 5K and 7K routes available. Meet at the gym day of.

Fitness Classes — High intensity classes are Mondays and Wednesdays at 6:30 a.m. on the basketball court. Circuit training is Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. on the basketball court.

Library 275-BOOK

Reading Takes You Places runs June 8-Aug. 17. Summer reading program for children of all ages. Sign-up throughout the program. Special event every Friday at 10 a.m.

Education and Training 277-2713

Leadership Training Opportunities — Did you know that your Edwards Education and Training Center offers a variety of civilian leadership training programs to help civilian leaders in their day-to-day leadership paths? Examples of the courses that can be offered are: Leadership Gold, 360 Degree Leader and Leadership the Challenge. Please contact your Edwards Education and Training Center if any one of these courses are of interest to you.

National Test Center hours are Tuesday-Thursday from 8 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. only. To schedule an exam, or for additional information, please contact the AMU test examiner at 524-4431, or contact Education and Training. As always, the office is open for all your educational needs. As always, drop by the Ed Center for any questions.

Aero Club 275-AERO

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Outdoor Recreation 275-CAMP

Go Karting is July 21 from 1-9 p.m. Sign up by July 18. RecOn pricing is for all USAF active duty, reservists and their family members.

Gun Safety Classes are on the fourth Saturday of every month from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Small fee per person. Open to ages 18 and up with classes being held at the Rod & Gun Club. Familiarization and how-tos of guns and shooting taught by California's fastest shooter, Len Paris. Includes a classroom portion on basic firearms and safety rules, followed by two hours of shooting practice on the range. Ammunition at no time will be allowed in the classroom. Guns will not be provided. Class size is limited so reserve your spot by visiting Outdoor Rec.

Pool Movie Nights are 4-8 p.m. Price includes food, goodie bags, relay races and door prizes. Space is limited so sign up fast.

Now Hiring Lifeguards for the Oasis Aquatic Center. Free training for applicants who pass the initial swim test. Swim test includes a 300 meter swim, two-minute tread with no hands and a timed deep-water brick retrieval. Must be 16 years or older to apply. Contact the Oasis Aquatic Center for more information.

Open/Family Swim at Oasis Aquatic Center is Monday-Friday. Hours are 3-5:30 p.m. Family pass is valid for four people for three months. Passes are available for purchase at Outdoor Recreation and the Oasis Community Center now. They must be shown to the lifeguards on duty for verification before entering the pool.

Free Lap Swim at the Oasis Aquatic Center hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 6-8 a.m. And Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. No children allowed unless they are able to swim laps unsupported.

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Muroc Lake Golf Course 275-PUTT

Red, White and Blue Gold Tournament is Saturday, July 21, with an 8 a.m. shotgun start. Sign up by Wednesday, July 18. Lunch and prizes following golf. Must have an SCGA handicap. **Single Airman Golf Special** — Single Airmen can enjoy 18 holes, cart, burger, fries and drink for a small price. Rental sets are provided for no charge if needed. Limited to the first 100 participants. Single Airmen are Air Force active duty or Air Reserve Component personnel permanently assigned to an Air Force installation or Air Force-led joint base without a spouse and a guest.

Information, Tickets and Travel 275-TRIP

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Teen Center 275-8336

Teen Center Summer Programs are for ages 13-18. Six exciting trips beginning July 19 with Morro Bay Kayaking, Cal Poly campus tour and San Luis Obispo Farmer's Market Trip. Call the Teen Center to sign up. Other trips are Getty Center/Santa Monica; music video recording camp; Big Bear; and skateboard and science camps.

Instructional Classes — Gymnastics (ages 3-17 years) are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Email ssgymnastic1@yahoo.com for more information.

Youth Sports 277-8961

Sideline Sports Camp with Youth Sports is Aug. 13-17, for ages 9-18. Times are 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-4 p.m. Free for members; fee for non-members. Take a new adventure into non-traditional sports such as: ultimate frisbee, badminton, water polo, fencing and lacrosse.

Youth Soccer — Sign up now until July 27. Season starts in September. Ages 5-14 with all teams being co-ed. Call for prices. Discounts for siblings who sign up. Late fee will be charged after July 27. Volunteer coaches are also needed.

Start Smart Soccer for ages 3 and 4. Season begins Sept. 12. Sign up by Aug. 13. Call for prices.

Youth Baseball Camp for ages 5-13 is at Weining Field starting from 4-6 p.m. Dates are July 9-13 and July 17-20. Free for members with a fee for nonmembers. The Camp is open to boys and girls. Sports physical and shot records required. For additional information please contact Emil Graves at 277-8961.

Youth Programs 275-5437

Boys & Girls Club Power Hour/Project Learn is Monday-Thursday, 2:30 p.m. – 4 p.m. Making minutes count helps club members (ages 6-12) become successful in school by providing homework help/tutoring while encouraging members to become self-directed learners. See Ms. Breanne for details and to sign up.

Creative Kids - Art Daily at 3 p.m. in the art room area. Children will enjoy creating all types of cool arts and crafts.

Fitness Daily is at 3:30 p.m. in the Youth Center Gym. Join us for fitness. See what played like dodge ball, skating, volleyball and much more.

4-H Photography Club — is the first Tuesday of the month from 3:30 p.m.-5 p.m. Youth will have the opportunity to learn and experience basic photography skills. See Ms. Kerry for details.

4-H Cooking Club is every Thursday of the month, 3:30 p.m.-5 p.m. Youth will have the opportunity to learn and experience food nutrition, preparation and basic cooking skills.

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Thousands celebrate July 4 at Summer Bash 2018

By Laura Motes
412th Test Wing Public Affairs

This year's Summer Bash, hosted by the 412th Force Support Squadron, drew thousands of active duty and civilian personnel and their families to celebrate Independence Day at Wings Field here July 4.

The annual festivities brought more than 2,500 people and featured carnival rides, 18-food and informational booths, an exotic car show, various contests, two country music bands and a fireworks show.

The 412th Test Wing vice commander, Col. Kirk Reagan, kicked off the main activities by thanking the organizers and emphasizing the hometown, tight-knit community that is Edwards Air Force Base.

"We go to work together, we live together, eat together and we sit on the sidelines at sporting events with our children," said Reagan. "It's a great family environment."

Following the official kick off, adventure seekers of all ages tried their luck at the pie eating contest, hula hoop contest and a roaring game of Simon Says.

After the activities concluded, the night's entertainment started with Temecula Road--a trio band hailing from Temecula Calif.--and headliner, Parmalee, known for their 2013 hit, Carolina.

"I'm very proud of our 412th FSS Special Events team and our event partners for pulling off such an outstanding



Pie eating contestants eat their way to the end of a pie for a prize at the Summer Bash at Wings Field, July 4. Each pie had a prize such as a gift card at the bottom of the pie tin. (U.S. Air Force photo by Laura Motes)

event," said Kayla Fagan, 412th Force Support Marketing Director. "Temecula Road and Parmalee put on a great show and it was awesome to see so many people out on the field enjoying the music."

Organized by the 412th Force Support Squadron, this year brought two new rides--the Hustler, a spinning wheel thrill ride and motorized swings for younger children.

According to Damion Jones, Community Services Flight Chief, Morale Welfare and Recreation funds were spent putting the event on for the Edwards AFB Community.

The funds, all generated by customers on base through various sales, essentially go back into the community to support

events like this which often take more than 600 man hours to plan and execute.

"No matter how many countless hours were tied into this event, at the end of the day, all that matters to Team FSS is serving those that serve us," said Jones.

The planning for the bash starts several months in advance, and organizers try and expand on the event year after year by adding more rides and entertainment. A parachute team was slated for this year's show but was canceled due to prevailing winds.

"We look forward to making Summer Bash 2019 an even bigger and better event for our Edwards Air Force Base Community," said Fagan.

See more photos [here](#)

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She added that 81 civil engineer Airmen is a lot to have at one time, but because Edwards is large and the projects were spread out, they managed to get a lot done in a small amount of time.

In addition to repaving the parking lots at Club Muroc, the CE Airmen also relocated an electrical line underground beneath the main parking lot.

The underground drainage system project took place near Kincheloe Ave. by base housing.

"The (previous) open drainage had lots of issues with it filling up with debris and causing backfill and flooding so we cleared it out and put in 27-inch piping and then covered it so it will be underground. It should help with the debris build-up in there," Forgey said.

Another team worked on renovating 412th Civil Engineer Group's Bldg. 4906 where they did reframing of office spaces and walls, electrical work and all the plumbing was completely renovated, according to Forgey.

In total, eight Air Force civil engineer squadrons banded together with Edwards CE personnel to complete the projects in two weeks.

The units involved were:

- 446th Civil Engineer Squadron, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington
- 482nd Civil Engineer Squadron, Homestead Air Reserve Base, Florida
- 439th Civil Engineer Squadron, Westover Air Reserve Base, Massachusetts
- 820th Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineers (RED HORSE), Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada (active duty)
- 512th Civil Engineer Squadron, Dover Air Force Base, Delaware
- 203rd Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineers (RED HORSE), Virginia
- 434th Civil Engineer Squadron, Grissom Air Reserve Base, Indiana
- 201st Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineers (RED HORSE), Pennsylvania



This Week in Edwards History

On July 10, 1968, the high drag loading phase of the McDonnell Douglas F-4E Phantom II Category II Stability and Control evaluation was completed. The loading consisted of 10 M-117 general-purpose retarded bombs and six LAU-3A rocket launchers. (Edwards History Office file photo)



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 7/9 - "Monsters University" (G)
 7/16 - "My Little Pony: The Movie" (PG)
 7/23 - "Leap!" (PG)
 7/30 - "Coco" (PG)

FRIDAY MATINEE • 3:30PM
 7/6 - "Avengers: Infinity War" (PG-13)
 7/27 - Fan Favorite! Vote for your pick on our Facebook page by June 27!

FRIDAY NIGHT • 6:30PM
 7/6 - "Beirut" (R)
 7/27 - "Blade Runner 2049" (R)

SATURDAY MATINEE • 3:30PM
 7/7 - "Rampage" (PG-13)
 7/14 - "Ready Player One" (PG-13)
 7/21 - "Isle of Dogs" (PG-13)
 7/28 - "Only the Brave" (PG-13)

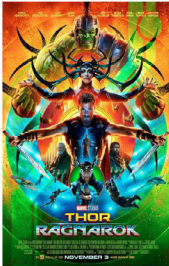

SATURDAY NIGHT • 6:30PM
 7/7 - "Blockers" (R)
 7/14 - "Chappaquiddick" (PG-13)
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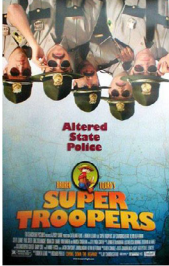

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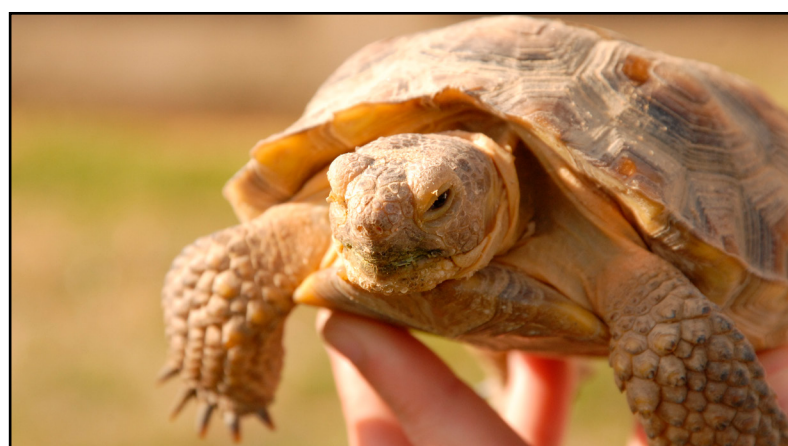
Avengers: Infinity War
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JULY 20

Super Troopers
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Super Troopers 2
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(U.S. Air Force photo by Kenji Thuloweit)

Adopt a desert tortoise

The Edwards Air Force Base Desert Tortoise Adoption Program is looking for base residents to foster captive desert tortoises.

Members of the program say desert tortoises are low maintenance and make great pets.

Adoptions through the program are free and no prior knowledge of reptiles is needed as all caretaking instructions will be provided.

For more information, or to add your name to the waiting list, contact Environmental Management at 661-277-1417.

Desert Tortoise Factoids:

- Captive desert tortoises have to remain in captivity throughout their lives.
- Since they can live 75 years, some individual animals have lived in Edwards housing since the 1970s.
- Desert tortoises are vegetarians and generally very low maintenance. Having a dog or cat does not prevent you from adopting a desert tortoise.

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